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S. 2414

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

August 23 (legislative day, August 18), 1994

Mr. Lott introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. COASTWISE TRADE AUTHORIZATION.
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 27 of the
- 5 Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883) or any
- 6 other provision of law restricting the operation of foreign-
- 7 flag vessels in the coastwise trade of the United States,

- 1 as applicable on the date of enactment of this Act, the
- 2 foreign-flag vessels IDUN VIKING, LIV VIKING, and
- 3 FREJA VIKING may, during the period described in sub-
- 4 section (b), engage in the transportation by water of pas-
- 5 sengers in the coastwise trade of the United States, if—
- 6 (1) a binding contract for the construction or
- 7 rebuilding, in the United States, of coastwise-quali-
- 8 fied replacement vessels is executed within 9 months
- 9 after the date of enactment of this Act;
- 10 (2) all ship repair work on the vessels necessary 11 to their operation under this section is performed in
- the United States; and
- 13 (3) all officers and crew members employed on
- board the vessels during their operation under this
- section are United States citizens.
- 16 (b) Period of Authorization.—The period of
- 17 transportation authorized under subsection (a) for each
- 18 vessel begins on the date of enactment of this Act and
- 19 ends on the earlier of—
- 20 (1) the date that is 4 years after such date of
- enactment; or
- 22 (2) the date of delivery of a coastwise-qualified
- 23 replacement vessel constructed in or rebuilt in the
- 24 United States.